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Applicant(s):

Welland, et al.

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In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2001, please enter the following response.

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant hereby makes a provisional election of Group I, claims 1-11, 30-33, 41-44 and 52-60.

A request of an extension of time is included with this response.

Should there remain unresolved issues that require action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Bruce A. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney at 512-301-9900 so that such

issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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